

Rio Dell-Scotia News

Caught doing good: Jonathan Brodeur

Rio Dell resident Jonathan Brodeur has plenty to do with his business, Humboldt Paint and Refinishing, but he shows up to help the community in important ways, as well. A recent project was to clean up the river ahead of a major January storm which, he feared, would wash trash on the banks into the river and spread it downstream.

Brodeur hauled out 880 pounds with his truck and trailer that day, cleaning the river from several access points, and paying the dump fee at Recology Eel River in Fortuna himself. Not new to the concern with litter, he set up a Facebook page, Rio Dell River Cleanup, a year ago to encourage people to join him when he announced a work day. While nearly 30 people follow him on the page, he sees there is a need for more planning to truly organize the effort and increase turnout, he says, with more lead time. "I'd like to see two clean-ups a year, perhaps in spring and fall," he notes, adding that Root 101 Nursery has shown interest in supporting the effort by paying the dump fee to dispose of trash hauled away.

Brodeur bought a house in Rio Dell eight years ago. A licensed painter, he also does restoration of wood products such as furniture, and small handyman jobs for residential and commercial clients. While he is frequently booked up, he encourages local people to call him at (707) 498-0355 or email him at humpaint@gmail.com with their needs as he can often fit small jobs in.

He says in addition to being a member of Kiwanis, helping with the movie nights in the past, he has also been busy at the community garden on the grounds of the Baptist Church, and would like to see more people get involved when the growing season starts. "I harvested a lot of food there last year," he says, adding that the garden could use donations of vegetable starts.

Plan to honor local service men and women expands

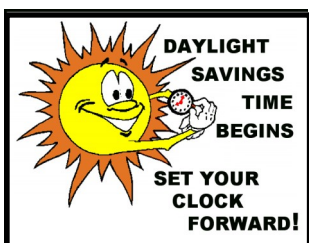
As noted in last month's story of chamber of commerce plans for 2021, one goal involves creating a set of banners to honor local military veterans and current service people from our communities, whether living or deceased, to hang on existing city poles along Wildwood. Initially described as a smaller project, local enthusiasm for the idea has taken it to a new level, a format that is similar to the banners one sees in Fortuna or near the boardwalk in Eureka, honoring service members from those communities.

As envisioned locally, the chamber would work with those from Rio Dell and Scotia interested in having their image, or that of a loved one who has served in the armed forces, put on a banner. Supply a photo of that man or woman being honored, preferably the official one taken in uniform and that person's name and branch of service. If no official photo is available, another one can be used, or a new sitting arranged, to obtain the quality of image needed.

If you would like to participate and/or to sponsor a banner (prices are being finalized but in the area of \$200 each) contact the chamber by phone (707.506.5081) or email (rdschamber@gmail.com).



Example Only



Remember to spring ahead with the start of Daylight Savings Time March 14!



NEWS AND NOTES

KIWANIS KORNER – MARCH 2021

BY: CAROLE ARRINGTON, RIO DELL/SCOTIA KIWANIS

After a long, wet winter spring is finally in the air! Warm weather is just around the corner and with that comes opportunity for community events and fundraisers. The Rio Dell/Scotia Kiwanis Club is in the middle of a See's Candy drive. See's Candy makes the perfect Easter gift for your mom, co-worker, spouse or just about anyone! Send a box to a friend or neighbor to brighten the day – we all know someone who has been struggling through the isolation the pandemic has wrought. Everyone loves chocolate! Grab a box or two from any Kiwanis member.

Email your request to riodell.scotiakiwanis@gmail.com and a member will be in touch to take your order. Your local Kiwanis club is always looking for new members. Now is the time to join. If you have been thinking of becoming involved, do it now. We would love to have you. Inquiries can be made through the Rio Dell/Scotia Kiwanis Club Facebook page or email riodell.scotiakiwanis@gmail.com.

Sign up now to be notified when you can get your Covid vaccination!

Humboldt County residents interested in receiving a COVID-19 vaccine can fill out the Vaccine Interest Form for Individuals online at <https://humboldt.gov.org/2872/Vaccine-Info>. Once you have submitted the form, Public Health or a local healthcare provider will notify you when the vaccine is available for the phase and tier in which you are categorized, as outlined by the California Department of Public Health.

A valid email address is required to register and be notified of vaccine availability. If you don't have email, check humboldt.gov.org/vaccineinfo regularly to learn when vaccine becomes available for your tier, as determined by your age and job status. Announcements about vaccine availability also will continue to be made through local media outlets. If you don't have access to email or the internet, please call the COVID-19 Community Information Line at 707-441-5000 for assistance.

Filling out the COVID-19 Vaccine Interest Form for Individuals does not book an appointment for vaccination.

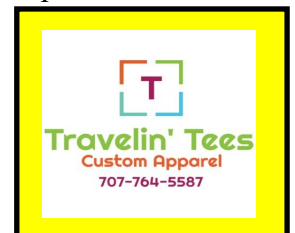
Get involved in your community – openings exist on Rio Dell city committees

The City of Rio Dell has an opening for the position of alternate on the Planning Committee, and two ad hoc people are needed for a special effort to study the placement of trash and recycling bins in the community. These are great opportunities to learn more about the community and the issues it faces, be of help in making the city even better, meet new people and stretch to take on new responsibilities. Apply at city hall.

Nuisance committee adds a member

Patrick Knight of Rio Dell was added to the city's roster of Nuisance Committee members, which includes Tim Marks and Alonzo Bradford as community representatives and members of the city council, Police Chief Jeff Connor and Community Development Director Kevin Caldwell. Amanda Carter, who had been a public member, moved to being a city council representative, creating the opening.

Knight and his wife Andrea moved to Rio Dell in 2005, purchased a home and started their business, Travelin' Tees, the following year. Travelin' Tees provides custom apparel for schools and businesses "all over Humboldt and beyond," says Knight, who enjoys the natural beauty and great weather of Rio Dell. He looks forward to making a positive impact on issues facing the city.



Know someone who needs to talk? Here's a free resource

These past 10 months have been extremely stressful, to say the least, and for those who have been feeling it and need someone to talk to, the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Warm Line is there to help.

The warm line isn't just for COVID-19 related worries, according to Jack Breazeal, deputy director of the department's behavioral health branch, noting residents can call for support related to any issues that may be causing them anxiety, depression or distress, including natural disasters, social or community violence, racial injustice or any other concerns that people want to talk about. Staffed by three employees, the Warm Line is available Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and can be reached at 268-2999.

So far, DHHS has been using COVID-19 emergency funding and existing Behavioral Health monies to cover the operational expenses and seeking additional resources to "sustain the warm line long-term."

People who leave a voicemail afterhours can expect a call back the next business day. (Cont. Page 3)

Chamber asks for Christmas cut-outs for next year

Got some tools, a bit of paint, a sheet of left-over plywood taking up space, and a wish for a winter project you can do in the garage? Here's an idea: Make a wooden, holiday cutout decoration for the chamber to use in the years ahead. It will be stored by the chamber and placed out each year as part of the city's holiday decorations. It can be any size – larger ones can be put in the parks as opposed to the median – and you can sign it, take your picture with it for a newsletter item when done and know you are helping the community with holiday spirit. Two such cutouts were stolen this year – the first time this has happened – but plans to bolt them in place next year should solve that. Call or write the chamber for more information – rdschamber@gmail.com, or 707.506.5081.

There's still time to sponsor a flag

Due to the large response, another set of flags has been purchased to be posted on Wildwood on national holidays. Of those, 12 flags can still be sponsored. Contact the chamber at rdschamber@gmail.com or call 707.506.5081 with questions or mail your check for \$50 and your contact information as well as the commemorative message to be put on the flag pole plaque, to PO Box 95, Rio Dell, CA 95562. Thanks to all who have made this project a success, and to Ferndale Jewelers in Fortuna for donating the production of the plaques.

Exercise with your friends via Zoom

The exercise group that was meeting at the Chamber of Commerce office on Wildwood prior to Covid is still exercising on Zoom. You can meet with them online Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. via Zoom meeting number 785 092 5856 according to leader Susan Nessen.

Rio Dell's Active Transportation Program is Making Walking and Bicycling Safer



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Ed Note: This is a new, monthly feature produced in coordination with the Safe Paths to Schools effort which included extensive road improvements around Rio Dell's main corridor, to increase awareness of and safety for alternate methods of transportation. The Redwood Community Action Agency's Natural Resources Services Division was contracted to conduct this educational component.

2020 was a difficult year that changed our lives in many ways. A positive outcome, however, was the completion of road safety improvements throughout Rio Dell that will making walking and bicycling a more appealing and feasible mode of transportation in the community. The project was funded through a Caltrans Active Transportation Program (ATP) grant and was designed to address the need for a safe, non-motorized connection from neighborhoods to downtown.

Educating and encouraging youth to walk and bike safely to and from school is another element of the program and is being addressed through lessons and activities offered to students at Eagle Prairie Elementary School. Significant pedestrian infrastructure improvements have been installed at intersections that were previously challenging to navigate, such as those adjacent to Highway 101 onramps, offramps and overpasses.

A bicycle lane, separated by a painted barrier, has also been installed along Belleview Avenue. Perhaps most notably, enhanced pedestrian infrastructure, including accessibility accommodations for those who use mobility devices, have been installed between Eeloa Avenue and Scenic Way/Wildwood Avenue.

Have you ever wondered what those raised, bumpy yellow plates on street corners are for? Known as "truncated domes" or "detectable warning pavers," they help visually impaired people detect when they are about to leave the sidewalk and enter the street. They can feel the texture change on the ground below them signaling that they should stop before crossing the street. The bright yellow color helps alert the visually impaired that have some vision.



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3-2-1 Backup Rule

Let’s take a couple moments to talk about your data. Most of us store things like family pictures, legal documents, important thoughts and expensive software on our computers. How important is that data to you?

One way to gauge the importance of something is to imagine it is gone. So take a moment, and imagine your computer has failed. Now ask yourself what would you miss? If you can say, “Nothing!” then you can skip this article. If, on the other hand, you have a list forming in your mind, then please read on.

With so many backup ideas and tools floating around today, it can be difficult to know your data is safe. The purpose of this article is to help you understand some of the basics about data backup, so you can know if your files are safely backed up, or not. In the following question/answer scenarios, we will consider your ability to recover your data in the event of a complete hard disk failure. Let’s consider three questions.

Question #1: “Is my data safe if I copy it to another folder on my computer?” No. Consider the consequences of a failed hard disk. Not only is the original copy of your data inaccessible, but so is your “backup” which you stored on the same hard disk!

An effective backup requires, at a minimum, two copies of your data located on two separate storage media. For example, you could have your original data on your computer’s hard disk, and a copy of your data on an external drive. Other possible backup media choices include cd’s, dvd’s, usb flash drives, an extra internal hard disk, network storage appliances, or online backup services.

Question #2: “Is my data safe if I make a copy on separate storage media?” Possibly, but potentially not. Using the example of a failed hard disk from question #1, let’s summarize the process of getting your computer back up and running. First, we need to install a new hard disk. Next, we install the operating system, hardware drivers, system updates and your favorite software. Finally, we attempt to restore your data from your backup media. What if that backup is corrupt or incomplete? Testing your backup for accuracy and integrity is critical. Just because the back-up software says the job is complete does not mean the backup is useful. Take the time to test your backup now and save yourself heartache in the future.

Question #3: “Is my data safe if I copy it to backup media, and test the backup for accuracy?” Possibly, but potentially not. Consider the consequences of a catastrophic fire or natural disaster. Your computer has been destroyed and unfortunately so was the storage medium containing your backed-up data!

Your data should be stored safely “off-site” or, at the very least, in a fire proof safe. Storing a copy of your data on an external storage medium and testing your backup for accuracy and integrity is a good start, but in mission-critical situations an “off-site” copy is a must!

By keeping a tested backup “off-site” you can rest assured that even in the event of the unthinkable your data can still be recovered. This is known as the 3-2-1 rule. 3 –Three copies of your data (original plus two backups). 2 –Two backups on two different types of storage media. 1 – One copy stored off-site.

For more information on data backup or if you would like a consultation on your personal or business backup process, call (707) 601-1408.

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